the provisions of this Act do not cover this case. **Therefore,** I do not think that there is any necessity **at present** to **bring** forward an amendment to that Act."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" While I appreciate the invitation of the Hon. the Leader of the House to hon. Members to co-operate with the Police by giving the necessary information, I would like to point out that there was an admission in his answer that the Police officials were harassing the Member. Will the hon. Member be again subjected to such harassment? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If asking for information is harassment, I submit that I have admitted it. I only suggested that the hon. Member could have given all the information in his possession so that the Police might look after other cases instead of making a fresh investigation into the matter."

Maternity hospitals and centres in the City.

* 1153 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of women admitted into the Government maternity hospitals in the City of Madras and the number of women admitted in the maternity hospitals run by the Corporation of Madras;

(*b*) the amount of Government subsidy given to the Corporation of Madras for running the Corporation maternity centres; and

(*c*) whether the Government have appointed any Health Sisters in the City?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No hospital for the exclusive treatment for maternity cases is maintained in the City either by the Government or by the Corporation.

" (*b*) Nil.

" (*c*) No, Sir."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" What are the maternity centres maintained by missionaries and private parties and what is the extent of Government aid given to them? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be given notice of."

Removal of silt from the Chemnad stream in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara.

* 1154 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the investigation regarding the silting of the Chemnad stream in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, is over and if so, when the silt in the stream will be removed?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"No, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—"Since cultivation on both sides of the stream is affected due to silting of the stream, will the Government institute an inquiry into this matter and see that the silt is removed?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"The silting is at the fag-end of the channel. No doubt, on account of that, certain lands are affected to some extent. The Government are examining how best to remove this silt."

Representation from the Orathanad Panchayat regarding Agricultural Training School under the district board.

*1155 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Orathanad Panchayat that the Agricultural Training School under the management of the district board should not be closed; and

(*b*) whether there was any arrest?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—"(*a*) No.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

Fire incident in the Panchayat Board Office at Kalambur, North Arcot district.

*1156 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 12–10 p.m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Panchayat Board Office was burnt recently at Kalambur, North Arcot district;

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry was held in the matter; and

(*c*) whether there was any arrest?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(*a*) Yes, Sir, it is a fact that on the 27th September 1953, the Kalambur Panchayat Board office was burnt down.

"(*b*) & (*c*) The Police investigated the case and as a result arrested three persons, Govindaswamy, Mannu Goundan and Raju Goundan and charged them under Section 436, Indian Penal Code. I may add that all the accused were acquitted by the Court of Session, North Arcot."